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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUINN).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 21, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK QUINN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Reverend Gregory J. Jackson, Senior Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Hackensack, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

Fix our steps, O Lord, that we stagger not at the uneven motions of the world. Steady our fainting hearts and trembling hands as we journey ever forward into an unknown future.

As we gather in these hallowed halls, halls hallowed by the sacrifices of slaves and slave owners, halls hallowed by men and women who gave their lives for our freedom, halls hallowed by the blood, sweat, and tears of those who built our great Republic, hear our prayer.

Today, we ask that You would keep our minds focused upon righteousness, keep our hearts in tune with Your spirit, keep our eyes open to the pain and suffering of Your people, not only in our Nation but around the world.

We thank You, dear God, for the opportunity that is ours. Help us to use this wonderful privilege that You have given unto us to serve the poor, to encourage the depressed, and to make America everything she claims to be.

In Your name we pray, Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LATHAM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATHAM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that it will entertain 10 1-minute speeches per side.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ROTHMAN) to begin 1-minutes.

### RECOGNIZING GUEST CHAPLAIN, THE REVEREND GREGORY J. JACKSON, SENIOR PASTOR, MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Mr. ROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have had the great privilege of representing the district that is the home to Reverend Gregory Jerome Jackson, the wonderful man who just gave the invocation.

Reverend Greg Jackson is a man of great ability, integrity, and compassion who has committed his life to helping others and in strengthening the bonds of family and community.

He started his life as the grandson of sharecroppers in South Carolina. He made his way at the age of 16, no doubt with divine guidance, to the promised land of New Jersey, where he went on to graduate from St. Peter's College and the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He even served 2 years here as an intern to Congressman Cornelias Gallagher.

Whether it is in his role as pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack, New Jersey, whose membership has risen with 1,000 new members under his leadership since 1984, or as an executive board member of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, which seeks to prevent HIV-AIDS and provide comfort and counsel to those who have been affected by the disease in Africa and the Caribbean, or as a leader of countless other civic and community organizations, or as the loving husband of Barbara and father of Michael and Monique, Reverend Greg Jackson has used his unique gifts as a pastor and community leader to improve the lives of those around him.

Mr. Speaker, everyone who has ever met Greg Jackson knows that he is a true humanist, a man of great warmth, conviction, and character, who has literally improved the lives of tens of thousands of my constituents over his nearly 20-year career at Mt. Olive, and who has traveled the world saving lives and bringing his deep faith in service to millions more.

I am delighted and proud to be the Congressman for my dear friend, the honorable Reverend Gregory Jerome Jackson, and so proud, Mr. Speaker, that this institution saw fit to allow him to make the invocation this morning.

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